

Willo Neighborhood Association  
October 12, 2017  
Minutes

**Call to Order:** 6:38 p.m.

**Absences:** Anthony Sumner, Patrice Wappel, Nikki Armstrong

**Welcome and Introductions:** All present introduced themselves and the streets they represent.

**Approval of September Minutes:** A motion was made by and seconded to approve the September minutes.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Linda Doescher reported that the expenses were not covered by the income and this will continue until the proceeds of the Willo Home Tour are reported. A motion was made by Opal Wagner and seconded by Allison Powers to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

**Board Position Appointment:** There is a vacancy on the Board. Ann Bommersbach has been nominated by President Cannon and has accepted the nomination. Opal Wagner motioned to accept Ann Bommersbach to fill the position. Jon Whitcomb seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Guest(s):** Paul Benjamin introduced Principal Adrian Walker, Principal of Magnet Traditional School. Mr. Walker urged everyone to vote Yes on the 15%, 5.1 million maintenance and operation budget override for the Phoenix Elementary School District. The ballots were mailed today and should be delivered by early next week. Jon Whitcomb asked how the money would be distributed, e.g., will it go to fund charter schools or public schools or both? The money will be allocated to public schools only.

Lela Alston, Arizona House of Representatives was present and spoke to issues of education and historical preservation.

**Inside Willo Update:** We need volunteers to distribute the newsletter on Vernon and Holly. We need volunteers to take pictures of the upcoming GAIN event breakfast October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Website:** Linda Doescher reported that the website is getting lots of activity. According to Google Analytics we have had 586 sessions and 436 users (online an average of two minutes). There have been 1,500 views regarding the home tour and yard sale.

**Vision 3.5 Update:** The letter to Laura Pastor from President Cannon was sent on September 29, 2017 informing her of the Board's requests on any future changes to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Nikki Armstrong provided information for the Board from Mark Melynchenko from the City of Phoenix. The city has identified funding from the Maricopa Association of Governments that can be used to research any proposed safety improvements on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues between McDowell and Thomas Roads. A scope of work was developed by a selected consultant and MAG expects to begin the analysis project in late October. We will be updated by Mr. Melynchenko who looks forward to working with us on the study,

**CAO Report:** Officer Ben Harris reported that he has issued tickets to alley traffic from Palm lane and Holly.

**GAIN Event:** Brad Brauer related that The GAIN breakfast will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Willo yard sale. The Fire Department will also be offering rides in the "cherry picker" and members of the Phoenix Police will also attend. Mayor Stanton is expected to attend, as well Councilwoman Laura Pastor, Rueben Villego and Lela Alston. Brad offered a personal thank you to Dick Staats for reaching out to the Fire Department.

**Home Tour:** We have 13 homes including the Fire Station on the tour. We hope to increase to 15 properties. The Home Tour General Meeting will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> with the location to be announced. Please contact Theresa Hale, Volunteer Coordinator, for details. A cocktail party for the Homeowners showing their homes will be November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be ticket sales available through the website for the Home Tour, Willo Affair and the Twilight Tour.

**Social Committee:** There will be a Willo Happy Hour November 3 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; 534 W. Almeria.

**October Yard Sale:** The October yard sale will be on Saturday, October 23. Goodwill will pick up any discards on Sunday morning at Walton Park.

**Zoning Update/Action Item:** Opal Wagner reported that on October 6, the FAA filed for a 30-day extension of the October 13 deadline for filing a motion for a re-hearing. We did not oppose the motion. On October 11, 2017, the city of Phoenix filed a letter indicating it will not be filing any opposition to the FAA's Motion to Extend the Deadline for Petition for Rehearing. The City has agreed to meet with the FAA during the 30 - day period to discuss noise relief, airspace safety, study of flight paths, etc.

There are no new developments on the BMO sign to convey.

**Kids Club:** The Kids Club Halloween Party will be on October 28 in Walton Park.

**Luminaria:** Chris Norton, Chair has interviewed the original organizer of the Luminaria and will provide an article in the Inside Willo Newsletter and Website.

**Blockwatch:** Jon Whitcomb has used the grant money to purchase sets of four tables and chairs and four canopy tents. We will use this equipment for Saturday meetings and upcoming Block Watch meetings.

**APS Subcommittee:** There is no further news from APS regarding the potential owners of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Virginia lot. There is a rumor that Cambridge Properties is interested in building homes on the lot.

**New Business:** President Cannon requested input from the Board regarding the feasibility of changing the ByLaw rule for the removal of Board members who have missed two Board meetings...if there is a need or should it remain? There were pros and cons discussed.

Opal Wagner received a call from GG George asking for our support for her request to the City to install rubberized asphalt to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues when asphalt is due to be replaced. This will be an Action Item for the November meeting.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Linda Doescher to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Charlene Gum  
Secretary